## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

Wanda Lowe,	: Civil Action No.:
Plaintiff,	: :
v.	: : : COMPLAINT
Charter Communications, Inc.,	: JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
Defendant.	: : :

For this Complaint, the Plaintiff, Wanda Lowe, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

# **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. § 227, et. seq. (the "TCPA").
  - 2. Supplemental jurisdiction exists pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
- 3. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendant transacts business here, Plaintiff resides in this judicial district, and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred here.

#### **PARTIES**

- 4. The Plaintiff, Wanda Lowe ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Morrow, Georgia, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(10).
- 5. Defendant Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"), is a Missouri business entity with an address of 12405 Powerscourt Drive, Saint Louis, Missouri 63131, and is a "person" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(10).

#### **FACTS**

- 6. Within the last year, Charter contacted Plaintiff's cellular telephone, number xxx-xxx-4215.
- 7. Charter placed calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using an automated telephone dialer system ("ATDS") and/or by using an artificial or prerecorded voice.
- 8. Calls from Charter are originating from the following numbers, including, but not limited to 877-384-9039.
- 9. When Plaintiff answered the calls from Charter, she heard a prerecorded message delivered by Charter. The prerecorded message instructed Plaintiff to return the call to discuss an account relating to an individual other than Plaintiff.

- 10. Plaintiff spoke with Charter and explained that she is not the individual they are calling for and further requested that Charter cease calls to her cellular telephone.
- 11. Nonetheless, Charter continued to place calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone at an excessive rate placing up to six calls daily.
- 12. Plaintiff never provided her cellular telephone number to Charter and never provided her consent to be contacted on her cellular telephone.
- 13. Regardless, Charter continued to place calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone knowing that it lacked consent to do so.

# <u>COUNT I</u> <u>VIOLATIONS OF THE TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT –</u> 47 U.S.C. § 227, et seq.

- 14. The Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 15. At all times mentioned herein and within the last four years, Charter called Plaintiff on her cellular telephone using an automatic telephone dialing system ("ATDS") and/or by using a prerecorded or artificial voice.
- 16. Plaintiff did not provide consent to Charter to be contacted on her cellular telephone or to receive ATDS calls on her cellular telephone.

- 17. Regardless, Charter placed calls to Plaintiff's cellular telephone using a prerecorded voice knowing that it lacked consent to call her number. As such, each call placed to Plaintiff was made in knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA, and subject to treble damages pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).
- 18. The telephone number called by Charter was assigned to a cellular telephone service for which Plaintiff incurs charges for incoming calls pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1).
- 19. The calls from Charter to Plaintiff were not placed for "emergency purposes" as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 20. As a result of each call made in negligent violation of the TCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500.00 in statutory damages for each call placed in violation of the TCPA pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).
- 21. As a result of each call made in knowing and/or willful violation of the TCPA, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of treble damages in an amount up to \$1,500.00 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B) and 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C).

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE**, the Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

- 1. Statutory damages of \$500.00 for each violation determined to be negligent pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B);
- 2. Treble damages for each violation determined to be willful and/or knowing pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(C); and
- 3. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

#### TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

Dated: November 27, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

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